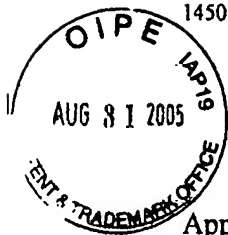


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the July 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.